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Student Government Association

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Dear Congressman Lipscomb,

We urge you to look closely at the enclosed resolution passed by the University of Pennsylvania Student Government on February 20, 1967. In it you can see that we call for a complete investigation of the entire range of CIA activities by the entire Congress. Our point is that every duly and legally elected National representative must be aware of what his government is doing for the protection of his constituents. We are appalled at the idea that only a handful of select Congressmen have been in on the multi-million dollar doings of the CIA.

The present arrangement has obviously not protected private and academic institutions from being subverted and used by the CIA, actions which are completely contrary to our public policy and constitute a threat to our democracy. In light of this we feel that we must ask the following questions, questions that the majority of American people are posing at this very hour:

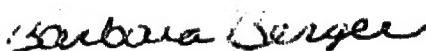
1. How do the special "watch-dog" committees know that they are being informed of the full range of CIA activities?
2. How does the President know that the information furnished him by the CIA is not incomplete or even false?
3. What is to prevent a handful of Congressmen and top Administrators from subverting the entire government?

These are harsh questions. They are questions that you, our National representative, should be asking day after day, again and again, until the American public is furnished with satisfactory answers. Please respond to this appeal, please let us know what you plan to do to safeguard the American people from the secret dealings of their own Government.

Sincerely,



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Barbara Berger
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Resolved by: The University of Pennsylvania Student Government

February 20, 1967

Barbara Berger
Daniel Finnerty

We express our continued support of the National Student Association because we see the clear need for an independent national student federation which can represent the students of the United States.

We express our complete support of the domestic program of NSA as representative of the wishes of the NSA Congress.

We express our firm belief in the integrity of the member schools and a majority of the officers of NSA and urge all members schools to give similar votes of confidence.

We express condemnation of those officers of NSA who betrayed the students' trust and allowed themselves to be used by the Central Intelligence Agency.

We denounce the tactics of the CIA which represent virtual blackmail of students who have been sent abroad to supposedly represent an independent American viewpoint.

We consider the upcoming NSA Congress to be crucial to the future existence of the National Student Association and urge all member schools to send representatives to the Congress who are committed to make the NSA a truly autonomous student organization.

We are appalled and alarmed at the revelations of the clandestine operations of the CIA not only in its relation to student groups but also to an ever growing list of private foundations, academic institutions, labor unions and international organizations. Such ties are completely inconsistent with the concept of free speech and expression in a democratic society. Not only do these relationships compromise America's Credibility and integrity abroad but it also tends to place the United States Government in the same light in the eyes of its citizens.

We demand a complete investigation of the total list of activities of the CIA to be carried out by the entire U.S. Congress. We recognize that for national security reasons this investigation cannot be carried out in a fully public manner, however, we feel that any duly and legally national representative of the American people should be allowed access to any information pertaining to the conduct of the government and, in fact, is obligated to his constituents to seek such information.

In regard to the February 19, 1967 New York Times report which alleges the covert funding of the Foreign Policy Research Institute we urge that the FPRI respond to the University community with respect to this accusation for its integrity as well as that of the University.